

I am in favor of RETAINING the minimum requirement of 5 WPM Morse testing for HF privileges for amateur radio operators. This is the second most popular mode used in the current spectrum tables, it is allowed on any frequency (except the 60 meter channels), and the only way to test for proficiency is a minimum of 5 WPM literacy. All other modes are covered in the written test, but since Morse is a unique language it needs to be retained and required for HF operation. 5 wpm is hardly a hardship for anyone and is very "learnable" at this level, for anyone of any age. 5 wpm proficiency has been required even when medical waivers were available, and no particular work load was ever placed on VE's, or individuals desiring to utilize HF privileges. Thank You.

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